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Docket No.: 209650US0DIV

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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/884,948

Applicants: Keiichi YOKOYAMA, et al.

Filing Date: June 21, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MICROBIAL
TRANSGLUTAMINASE

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Bugaisky, G. E.

Allowed: April 7, 2004

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)

Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated June 21, 2001

Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed June 21, 2001

Copy of Form PTO 1449 filed June 21, 2001

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

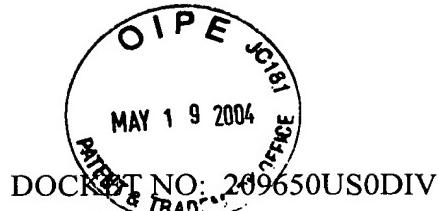
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioners' Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that the references cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 21, 2001, have been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith copies of the Information Disclosure Statements as filed on June 21, 2001, along with a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

Petitioners submit that the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were mentioned in the parent application U.S. 09/448,310, filed on November 24, 1999. Therefore, copies of the cited references may be obtained from the U.S. 09/448,310. In the event that the Examiner is unable to obtain these references, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted as soon as possible to avoid any further, unnecessary delay in examination.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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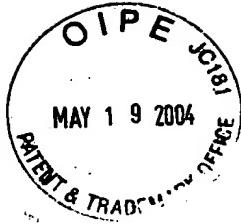


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In the matter of the Application of: Keiichi YOKOYAMA et al.

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- 67 pp. Specification 25 Claims/Drawings 7 Sheets
 and 2 pages Application Data Sheet
 Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 3 pages, Executed Copy

 List of Inventor Names and Addresses
 Utility Patent Application Transmittal
 Notice of Priority
 Check for \$710.00
 Fee Transmittal Form
 Assignment/PTO 1595 pages:
 Letter to Official Draftsman
 Letter Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes
 Drawings sheets Formal
 Substitute Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney, 3 pages, Executed Copy from parent application
 Preliminary Amendment w/copy of Substitute Sequence Listing attached (Paper)
 Information Disclosure Statement ■ PTO-1449

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 were mentioned in parent application 09/448,310 filed November 24, 1999.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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